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- ⇒ The Maryland *SafeZones* program allows the Maryland State Police and Maryland Transportation Authority Police to enforce the speed limit in highway work zones with automated (cameras) equipment.
- ⇒ The Maryland *SafeZones* program was created to improve safety for workers and travelers since nationally, four out of every five people injured in highway work zone crashes are drivers or passengers.
- ⇒ Since law enforcement began using speed cameras in highway construction areas, work zone-related crashes, fatalities and injuries are at a more than 10-year low: **fatalities in work-zone crashes decreased by more than half from nine in 2009 to three in 2011**. In the same timeframe, people injured decreased from 827 to 688 and overall work zone crashes decreased from 1,685 to 1,486.
- ⇒ Speeding violations in *SafeZones* construction sites have decreased by more than 80 percent. When the program began, approximately seven out of every 100 drivers in the *SafeZones* construction areas were exceeding the speed limit by 12 mph or more; currently less than two drivers out of every 100 are receiving citations. See chart below demonstrating dramatic decrease in speeding violations since the start of the program.

